GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Women Participation under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in women participation/employment to women under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) in recent years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the details of the number of women working, their percentage to the total MGNREGS workers and type of projects they are employed in during each of the last three years and current year,State/UT-wise; and

(c) the further steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (c): The women participation in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the Financial Year (FY) 2015-16 has been increased in comparison to last three years. Rural women are employed in all types of works/ projects permitted under Schedule-I of the Act. The Ministry has issued guidelines to the States from time to time to facilitate women participation by providing worksite facilities such as crÃ¨ches, drinking water, shade, etc. as per provisions of the Act. It has also been suggested that at least 50% of the worksite supervisors(Mates) at all worksites to be women and special works which require less effort and those that are close to their houses are to be given to pregnant women and lactating mothers. State/UT-wise details of women participation and their percentage to the total MGNREGA workers during the last three years and current year is given in Annexure.
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